

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 20, 2005

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 972**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Sharon Runner**

February 18, 2005

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An act to add Section 18713 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to athletic contests.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 972, as amended, Sharon Runner. Boxing: pregnancy tests.

Existing law, the Boxing Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of boxing, kickboxing, and martial arts matches by the State Athletic Commission and makes a violation of the act a crime. Under the act, a physician is required to certify the contestant's physical condition to engage in the match.

This bill would require a female boxer, *kickboxer*, or *martial arts fighter* to provide the results of a pregnancy test before competing in a ~~boxing~~ match indicating whether she is currently pregnant. The bill would prohibit a female boxer, *kickboxer*, or *martial arts fighter* from competing in a match if she is pregnant.

Because the bill would specify an additional requirement under the Boxing Act, the violation of which is a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 18713 is added to the Business and  
2 Professions Code, to read:  
3 18713. A female who is a contestant in a professional or  
4 amateur boxing match, *kickboxing match, or martial arts match*  
5 shall provide the results of a pregnancy test before the match  
6 commences to indicate whether she is currently pregnant. *The*  
7 *pregnancy test shall have been taken between seven and 14 days*  
8 *before the match.* If the results indicate that the contestant is  
9 pregnant, she shall not compete in the match.  
10 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
11 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
12 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
13 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
14 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the  
15 penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section  
16 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a  
17 crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the  
18 California Constitution.